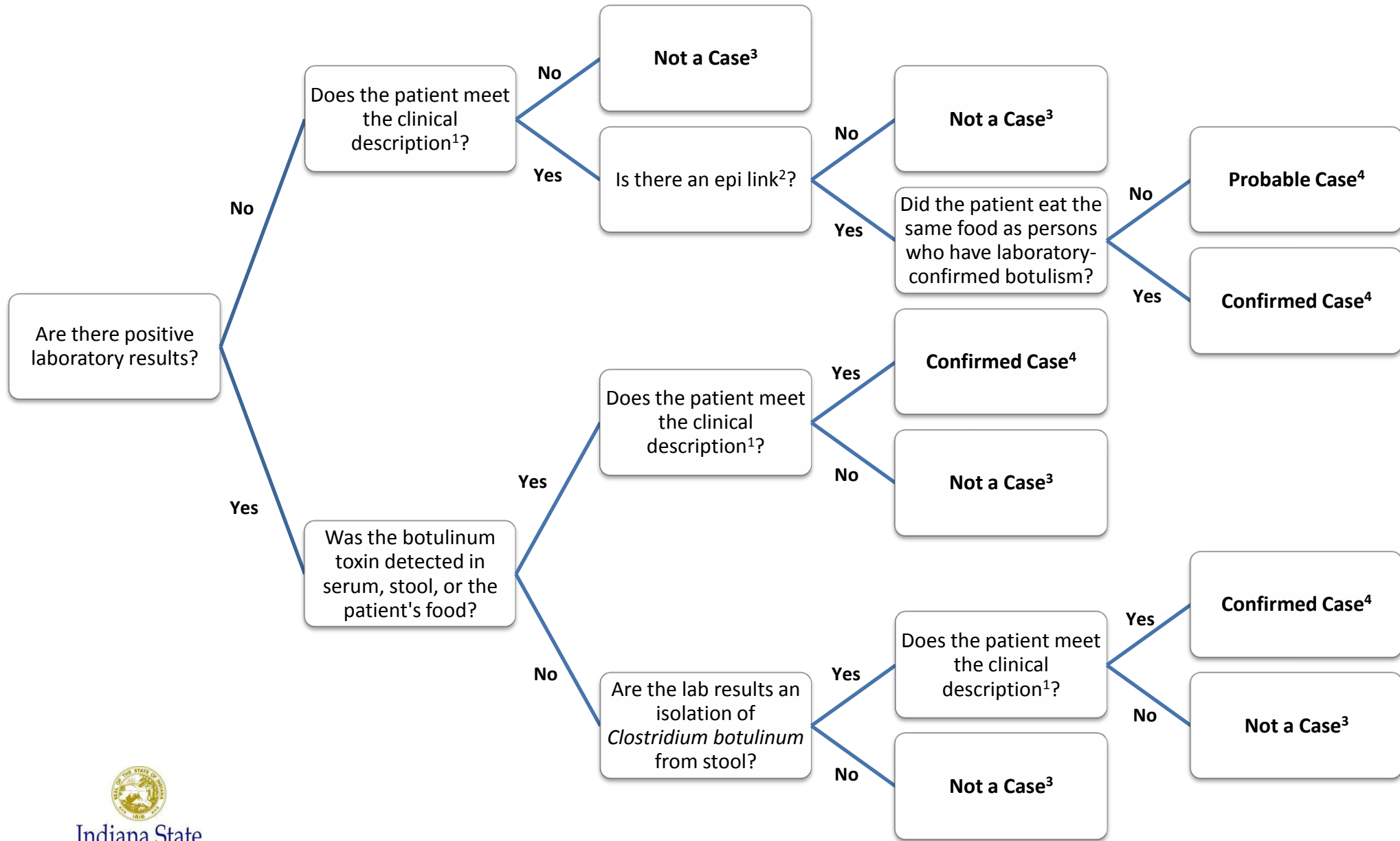


Botulism, Foodborne Case Classification Flow Chart

December 2013 – based on 2011 CSTE Case Definition



Botulism, Foodborne (*Clostridium botulinum*)

- ¹ **Clinical Definition:** Ingestion of botulinum toxin results in an illness of variable severity. Common symptoms are diplopia, blurred vision, and bulbar weakness. Symmetric paralysis may progress rapidly.
- ² **Epidemiological Link:** e.g., ingestion of a home-canned food within the previous 48 hours
- ³ **Not a Case:** Note there are four different subtypes of Botulism (foodborne, infant, wound, and other). Check all case classifications before ruling as “not a case” of botulism.
- ⁴ **Confirmed/Probable Case:** Open a Preliminary Outbreak Report, if not already done, as one case of botulism is considered an outbreak.